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SUBJ: HISTADRUT REACTION TO SPANISH EXECUTIONS

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1. IN SHOW OF SOLIDARITY WITH FREE TRADE UNIONS AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT, HISTADRUT HAS ON THREE OCCASIONS SENT MESSAGES TO ICFTU PROTESTING AGAINST SPANISH DEATH SENTENCES AND EXECUTIONS. WHILE LOCAL NEWS AND EDITORIAL COMMENTS WERE UNIFORMLY CRITICAL, SPANISH EXECUTIONS HAVE EVOKED NO SHARP PUBLIC PROTESTS SINCE ISRAEL HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN AND SINCE ITS PREOCCUPATION WITH ITS OWN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROBLEMS TENDS TO MUTE REACTIONS TO EVENTS ELSEWHERE IF THESE ARE NOT LINKED TO ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE.

2. TEXT OF MESSAGES TO ICFTU GIVEN BELOW:

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A. DATED SEPT 16. HISTADRUT GENERAL FEDERATION OF LABOR IN

ISRAEL STRONGLY CONDEMNS LATEST OUTBURST OF REPRESSION AGAINST BASQUE NATIONALISTS BY FRANCO REGIME. DEEPLY SHOCKED BY ARBITRARY DEATH SENTENCES VIOLATING ELEMENTARY HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXPRESS FULL SOLIDARITY WITH SPANISH WORKERS STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. ARE WILLING AND READY TO COOPERATE WITH ICFTU IN ANY INTERNATIONAL ACTION AIMED AT SAVING INNOCENT LIVES AND FOR THE RESTORATION OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS ACCORDING TO PRINCIPLES OF FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT. AVRAHAM ALON, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

B. DATED SEPT 29. HISTADRUT EXECUTIVE BUREAU CONVENED YESTERDAY TO EXPRESS DEEP INDIGNATION AND CONDEMN ARBITRARY KILLINGS PREPETRATED BY FRANCO TOTALITARIAN REGIME NOTWITHSTANDING ANGRY PROTESTS AND APPEALS TO RESCIND DEATH SENTENCES BY GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT FREE WORLD. REITERATE READINESS TO COOPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR RESTORATION OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS FOR SUPPRESSED SPANISH WORKERS AND EXPRESS DEEP SFMPATHY WITH BEREAVED FAMILIES. YERUCHAM MESHEL, SECRETARY-GENERAL

C. DATED OCT 2. FURTHER OUT PREVIOUS CABLES CONDEMNING BRUTAL EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN AND OFFERING COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL ACTION AIMED AT RESTORATION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS FOR OPPRESSED SPANISH WORKERS WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR FULL SUPPORT OF ICFTU PROTEST CAMPAIGN AGAINST FRANCO REGIME. IN VIEW OF ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC TIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SPAIN CANNOT OBVIOUSLY UNDERTAKE ACTION ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL BUT HAVE APPLIED TO ORGANIZATIONS MAINTAINING COMMERCIAL TIES WITH SPAIN WITH REQUEST TO TAKE SUITABLE STEPS. ONCE AGAIN WISH TO EXPRESS UNEQUIVOCAL SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT ON SPANISH WORKERS' JUST STRUGGLE. YERUCHAM MESHEL, SECRETARY-GENERAL.
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